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**RESPONSE TO NON-FINAL OFFICE ACTION**

This paper is responsive to the *non-final* Office action mailed on December 12, 2007, having a shortened statutory period for response set to expire March 12, 2008. A petition for extension of time is being filed herewith (either as a separate paper or constructively in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a)(3)) thereby extending the period for reply until May 12, 2008. In light of the Amendments and/or Remarks herein, further examination is requested.

Any fees required by this paper are being provided as directed in an electronic submission of this paper or in a transmittal letter accompanying this paper. However, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any deficiency in fees required by this paper and any additional fees under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or 1.17 which may be required during the pendency of this application, and to similarly credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account 50-0631.